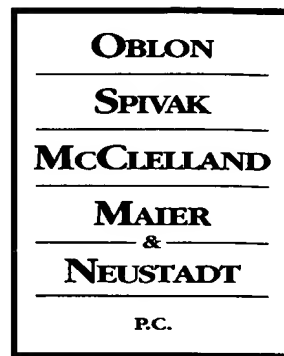




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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, subsequently withdrawn per interview summary dated November 18, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending; no claims are newly added, amended, or canceled herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action dated September 23, 2002, Claims 1, 6, 12 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Takekawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,335,724, hereafter Takekawa); Claims 2, 8, 13, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Takekawa in view of Jung (U.S. Pat. No. 6,449,041); and Claims 5 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Takekawa in view of Downing (U.S. Pat. No. 5,988,645). On August 20, 2004, Examiner Kovalick contacted the Applicant's representative and requested that the following formal remarks be submitted.

At the outset, applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 14, 15, 18, and 20-22 are allowable.

With regard to the outstanding rejections of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 19, these rejections all rely upon Takekawa as the primary reference. Takekawa is assigned on its face to Ricoh Company, Ltd. The inventor of the present application was under an obligation at the time of invention to assign the present invention to Ricoh Company, Ltd. A copy of the assignment of the present application to Ricoh Company, Ltd. as filed, including the date-stamped filing receipt, is enclosed herewith.

Takekawa was filed as a U.S. Patent Application on July 9, 1999 and issued as a U.S. patent on January 1, 2002. The present application was filed on January 19, 2001. Thus, Takekawa is available against the pending claims only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). In light of the evidence of common ownership set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that Takekawa may not be applied against the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in the

manner proposed by the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections of Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 19 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Application No. 09/764,264, filed JANUARY 19, 2001), and

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